

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 115

February 14, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Governor, in consultation with the District Attorneys General Conference, the District Public Defenders Conference, the Board of Parole, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, to conduct a comprehensive study of the number of state prisoners held for nonviolent felony cases with long-term sentences, the feasibility of commuting such sentences, and current mandatory sentencing guidelines to remove any outdated sentencing or unduly harsh sentencing in the criminal laws. Requires the report to be submitted to the members of the State Government and Criminal Justice Committees of the House of Representatives and the Judiciary and the State and Local Government Committees of the Senate, no later than August 1, 2018.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Governor, in consultation with the specified agencies, can conduct the comprehensive study utilizing existing resources without an additional appropriation to, or a reduced reversion from any of the agencies involved.
- Any increase in state expenditures to prepare copies of this resolution for sending to the Office of the Governor, the District Attorneys General Conference, the District Public Defenders Conference, the Board of Parole, and the Administrative Office of the Courts is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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